



CUYAMA BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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AGENDA

November 4, 2026

Agenda for a meeting of the Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors to be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 2:00 PM at the Cuyama Valley Family Resource Center 4689 CA-166, New Cuyama, CA 93254. Participate via computer at: <https://shorturl.at/CEXif> or by going to Microsoft Teams, downloading the free application, then entering Meeting ID: 285 525 814 804 96 Passcode: fc2R8yg6 or enter or telephonically at (469) 480-3918 Phone Conference ID: 955 559 561#.

Teleconference Locations:

4689 CA-166 New Cuyama, CA 93254	10500 NE 8th St, Suite 1550 Bellevue, WA 98004	15701 Hwy 178 Bakersfield, CA 93306	676 Orlando Dr Cambria, CA 93428
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The order in which agenda items are discussed may be changed to accommodate scheduling or other needs of the Board or Committee, the public, or meeting participants. Members of the public are encouraged to arrive at the commencement of the meeting to ensure that they are present for discussion of all items in which they are interested.

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1. Call to Order (Jackson) (1 min)
2. Roll Call (Bianchi) (1 min)
3. Pledge of Allegiance (Jackson) (1 min)
4. Meeting Protocols (Bianchi) (2 min)
5. Standing Advisory Committee Meeting Report (Kelly) (3 min)
6. **CONSENT AGENDA** (5 min)

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and non-controversial by staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Board or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Board concerning the item before action is taken.

- a. Approve September 2, 2026, Meeting Minutes
- b. Approve Payment of Bills for August and September 2026
- c. Approve Financial Reports for August and September 2026
- d. Adopt 2027 Meeting Calendar

7. ACTION ITEMS

All action items require a simple majority vote by default (50% + 1 of the weighted vote). Items that require a super majority vote (75% of the weighted total) will be noted as such at the end of the item.

- a. Update on Increased Water Use Assessment for Areas Outside the Central Management Area (Blakslee / Van Lienden) (30 min)
- b. Adopt the Amended Allocation Exchange Policy (Blakslee/Bianchi) (15 min)
- c. Direction on Penalty Fee Structure (Blakslee/Bianchi) (20 min)
- d. Direction on Variance Pool Concept (Blakslee) (20 min)
- e. Update on Groundwater Quality Data Collection Approach (Blakslee/Bianchi) (10 min)
- f. Update on Adaptive Management (Blakslee/Bianchi) (15 min)
- g. Update on Priority Projects for Grant Opportunities (Blakslee/Van Lienden) (30 min)

8. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

- a. Executive Director Report (Blakslee) (5 min)
- b. General Counsel Report (Collins) (5 min)

9. TECHNICAL UPDATES

- a. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Activities (Van Lienden) (5 min)

10. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (15 min)

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1) Bolthouse Land Company, LLC, et al v. All Persons Claiming a Right to Extract or Store Groundwater in the Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin (BCV-21-101927)

- 11. Report of Ad Hoc Committees (1 min)
- 12. Directors' Forum (1 min)
- 13. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda (5 min)
- 14. Correspondence (1 min)
- 15. Adjourn (4:15 p.m.)